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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. LARGENT].

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 30, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVE LARGENT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend John Williams, Immaculate Conception Church, Clinton, NC, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, grant unto the Members of the Congress the desires of their hearts for the precious gift of wisdom, and as You deliver it, help them to love it and act upon it in all their deliberations.

May the Lord our guardian preserve you from all evil today and keep you safe and in peace and in health of spirit and body for the carrying out of your duties.

In I Timothy, Paul urged that prayer, supplications, and intercessions be raised up for sovereigns and for those in positions of responsibility. May these prayers and those of pastors and congregations all over the country be acceptable on behalf of the honorable men and women of Congress, the servants of a free people.

And now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless into the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Father, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DURBIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 219. An act to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes.

### WELCOME TO THE REVEREND JOHN WILLIAMS

(Mr. BLILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is a great pleasure this morning to join in welcoming my cousin, the pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Clinton, NC, who gave us our invocation today.

I am also joined by his former parishioner, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES], and we are both very

pleased and proud that Father John Williams could be with us today.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] for any remarks he may have to add.

Mr. JONES. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and a pleasure for me to also welcome Father John today, a man that I have great respect for, a man who loves his people, loves his country, and loves his Lord.

### TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH

(Mr. DURBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, it is bad enough that the Gingrich Republicans are proposing a tax cut for the wealthiest people in America. We expect the Gingrich Republicans to continue to slather the fattest cats with tax cuts and without so much as the slightest regrets, these same Republicans cut children's programs like school lunches to pay for them.

But today the Gingrich Republicans take this extremism to a new low. Late Tuesday night, a handful of lobbyists met secretly with Republican congressional leaders and killed a provision that would have closed a tax loophole for billionaires who renounce their American citizenship, that is right, billionaires who made their fortunes in America using our country's freedoms and opportunities, our economy, our infrastructure, our national defense, renounce their citizenship to escape taxes, and the Republicans want to protect these economic traitors. And our Treasury loses \$3.6 billion because of this.

These super-rich traitors and their well-paid lobbyists are the big winners. The Republicans have once again rolled

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